



## LNG Facts – A Primer



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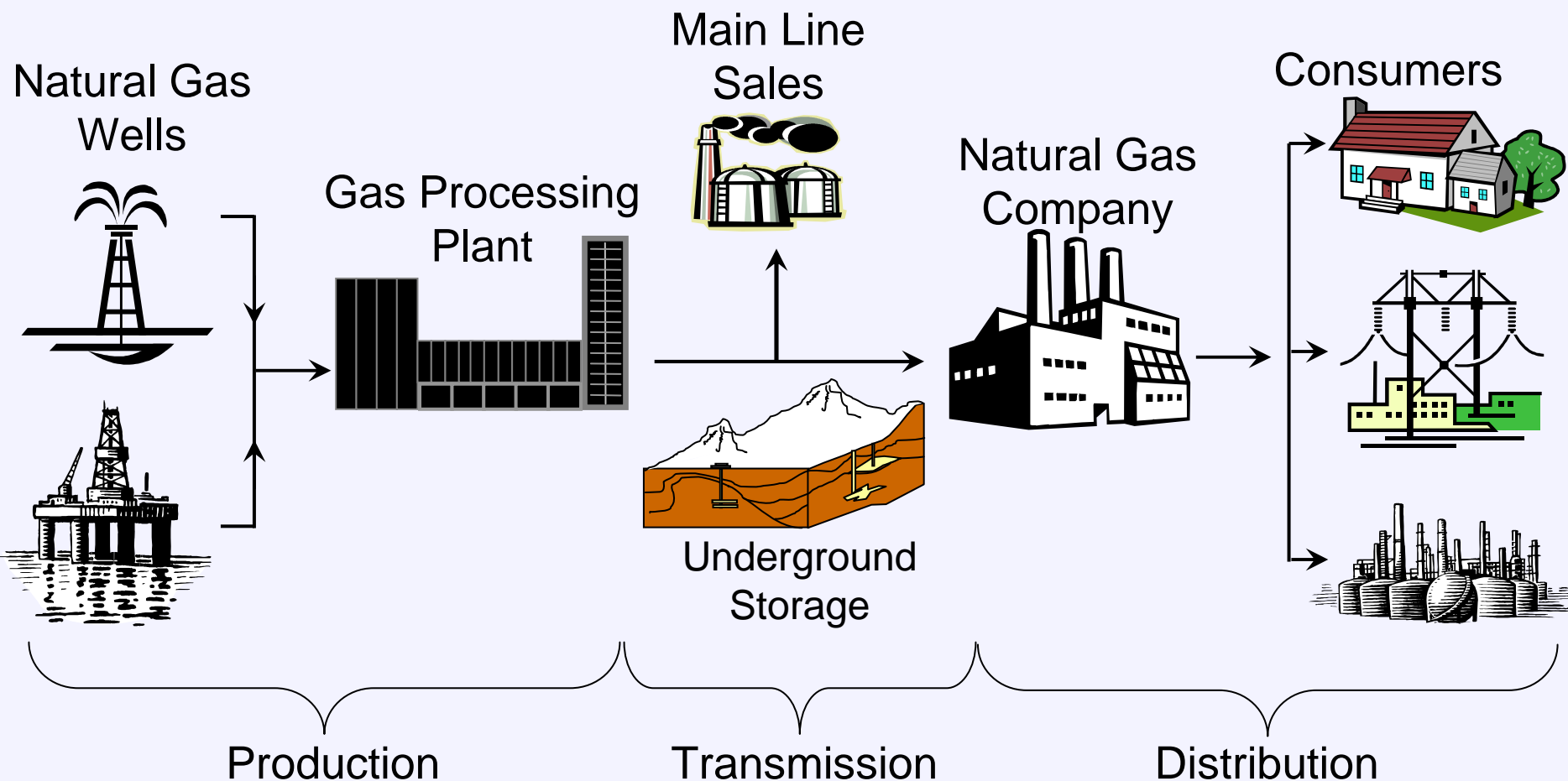
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# What is Natural Gas?



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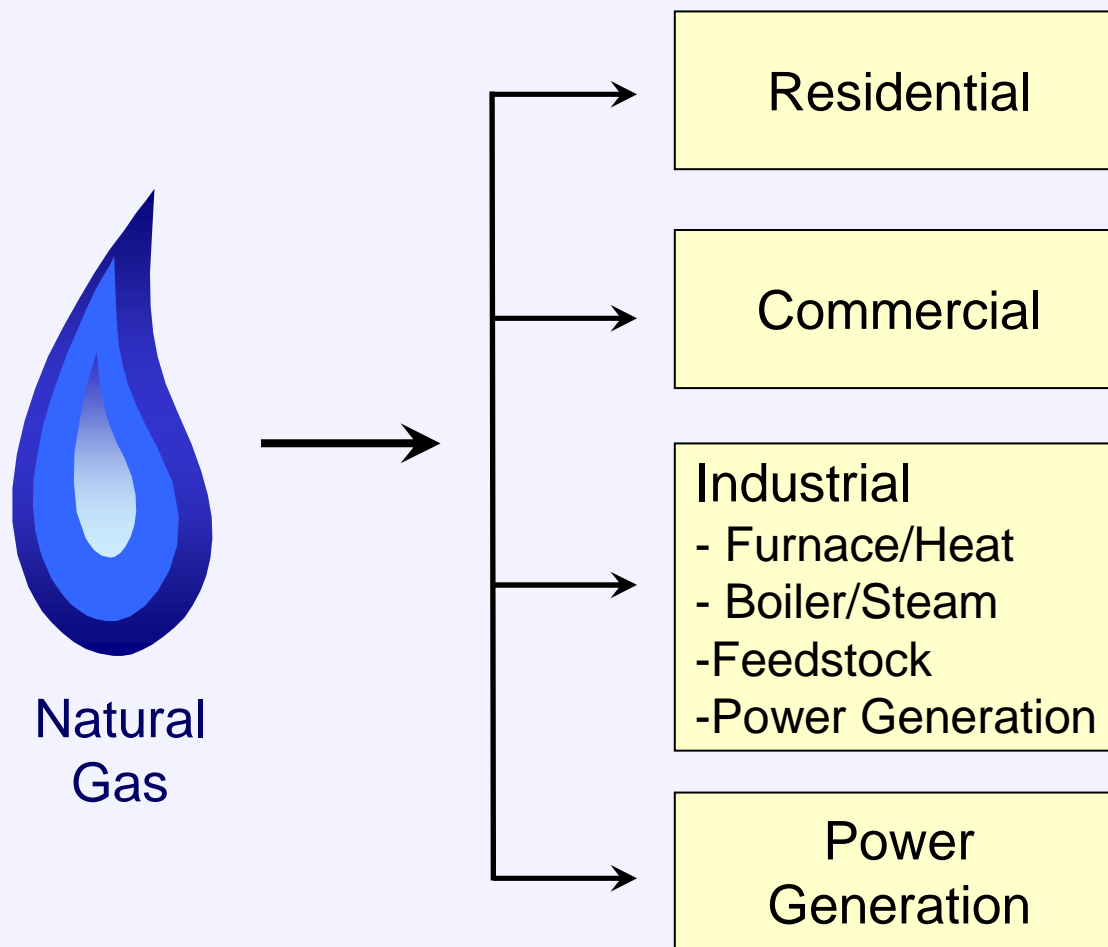
# The Natural Gas Industry



Source: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy



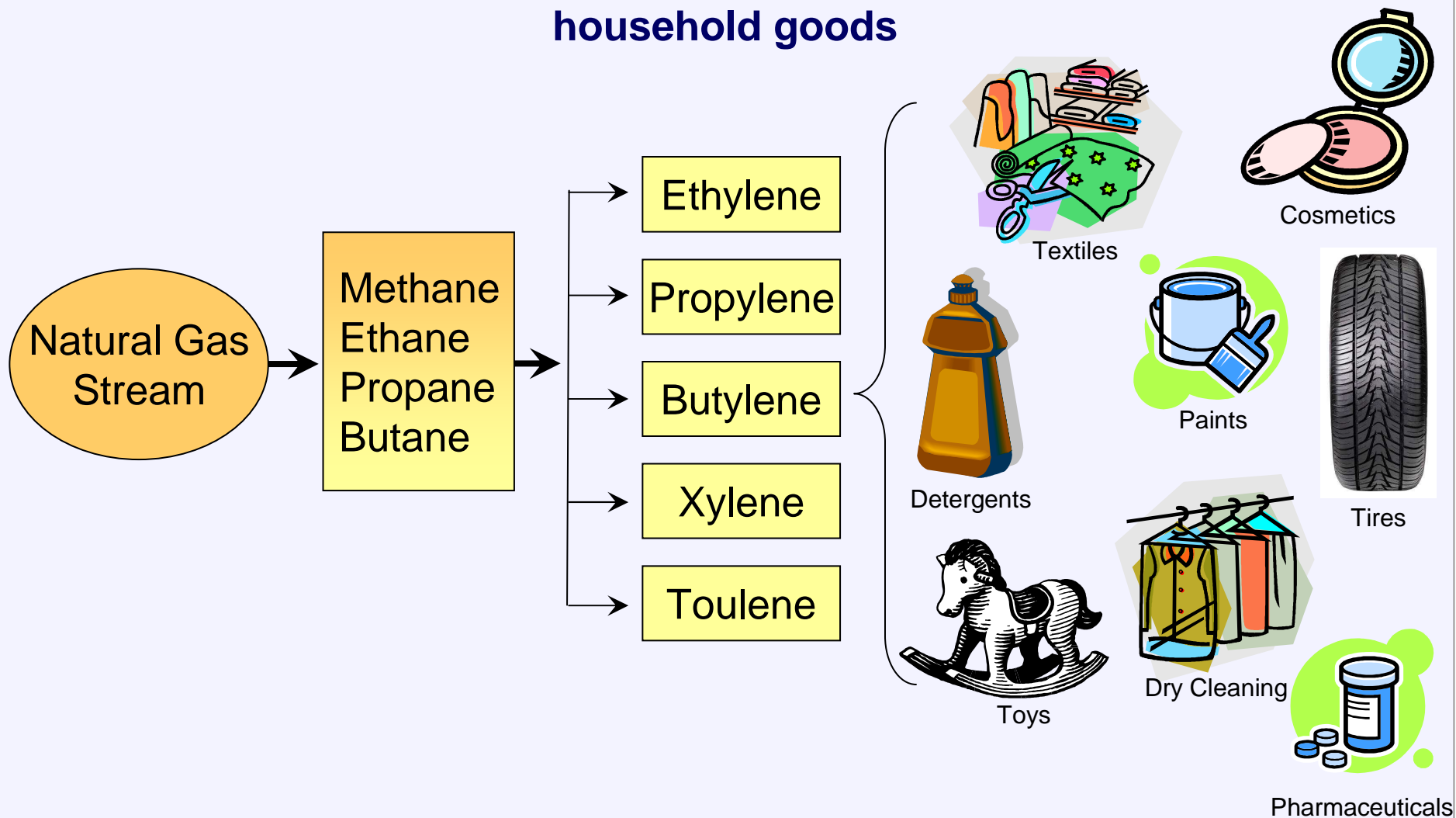
## Natural gas important for all consumers





## Components of Natural Gas

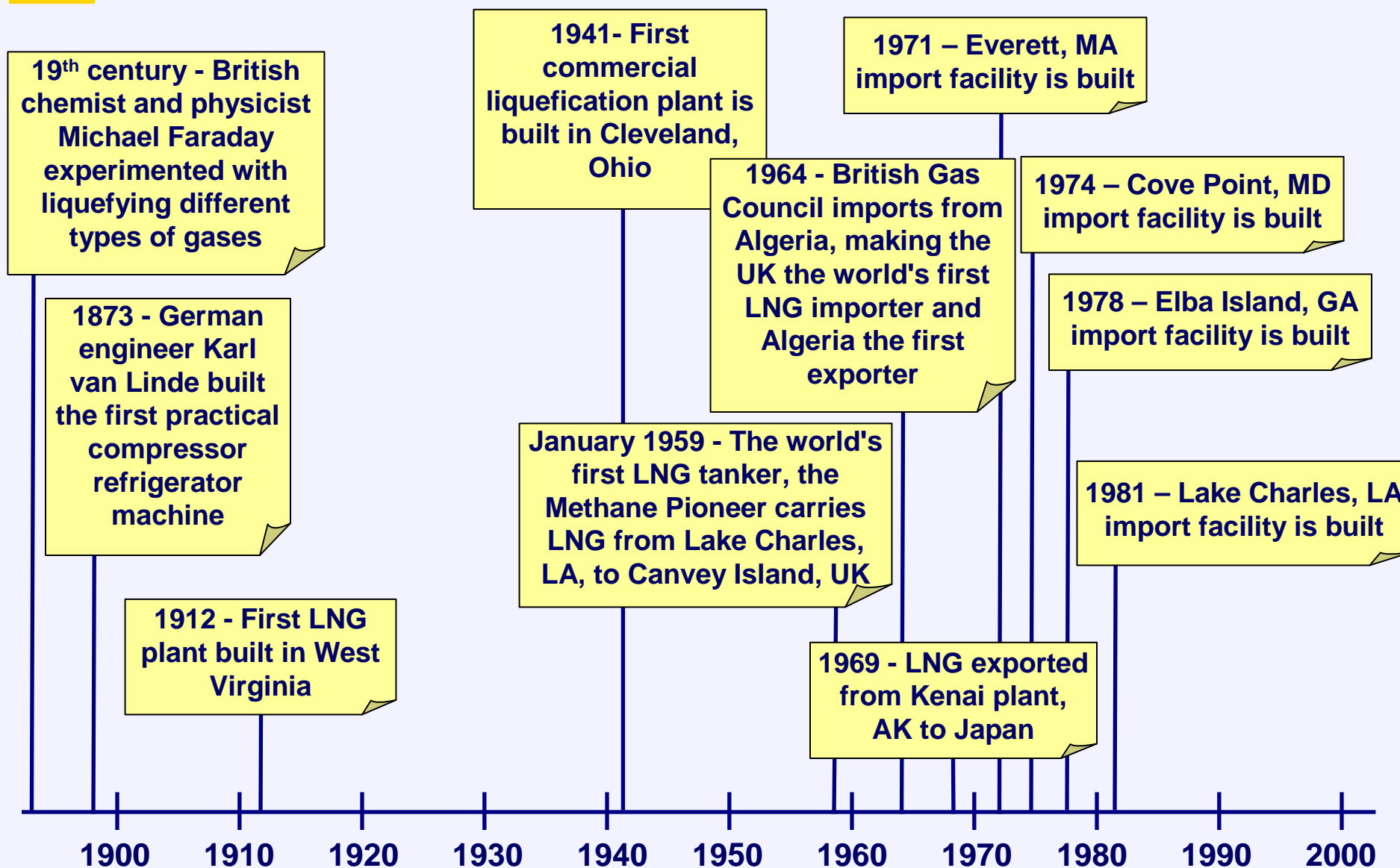
**Natural gas is the basic building block of many household goods**





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## Background on LNG





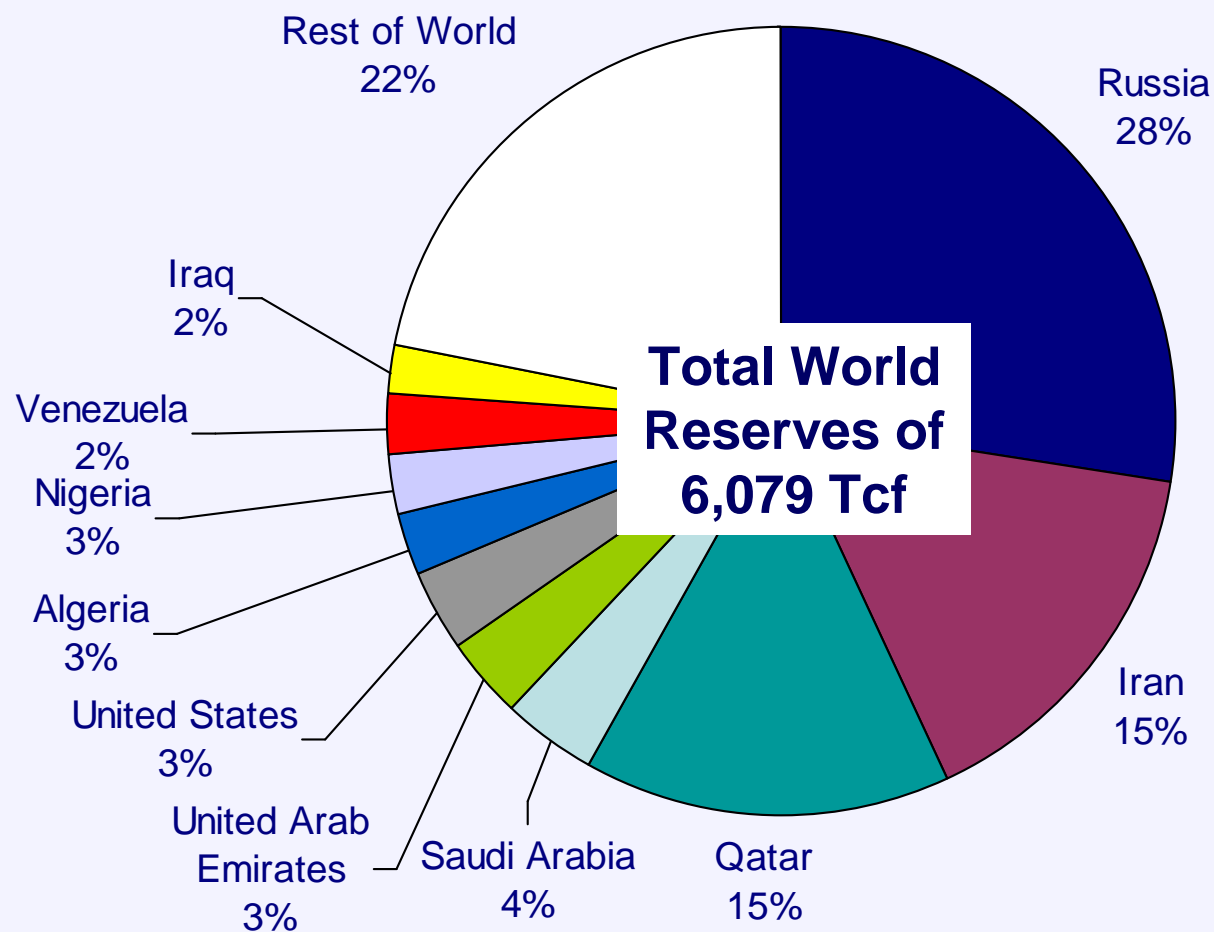


- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been turned into a liquid by cooling it to a temperature of  $-256^{\circ}\text{F}$  at atmospheric pressure
- It consists of primarily methane (typically, at least 90 percent)
- LNG is odorless, colorless, non-corrosive and non-toxic
- Liquefying natural gas reduces its volume by a factor of approximately 610
- LNG's flammability range limits are 5 to 15 percent in air



## Natural Gas Reserves by Country (2004)

**Considerable reserves around the world –  
just not in the areas where the gas is needed**





## Regasification terminals are one small portion of the development of an overall LNG project



### Gas Producer

\$0.5 to \$1.0 billion  
\$0.50 - \$1.00 / MMBtu  
23% of total cost

### Liquefaction

\$0.8 to \$1.0 billion  
\$0.80 - \$1.00 / MMBtu  
28% of total cost

### Shipping\*

\$0.6 to \$1.2 billion  
\$0.65 - \$1.60 / MMBtu  
35% of total cost

### Receiving Terminal

\$300-\$400 million  
\$0.40 - \$0.50 / MMBtu  
14% of total cost

### Cost out of Plant

Total Investment: \$2.2 to \$3.6 billion  
\$2.50 - \$3.50 / MMBtu

Note: \*depends upon the distance shipped

Source: Cheniere LNG Industry Profile, <http://www.cheniere.com/LNGIndustryProfile.htm>.



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## LNG Schematic: Production to End-User



**to fuel over 4 percent  
of California's natural  
gas fueled electric  
power  
plants for 1 month**

**OR**



**to fuel over 50,000  
of California's  
residential customers  
for 1 year**

**OR**



**to fuel 4 percent  
of California's  
industrial plants  
for 1 month**

### Assumptions:

- One 1 LNG tanker carries approximately 125,000 to 138,000 cubic meters of LNG, which will provide about 2.6 to 2.8 bcf of natural gas
- Average monthly power usage of 64 bcf;
- Average monthly industrial usage of 1.68 MMcf

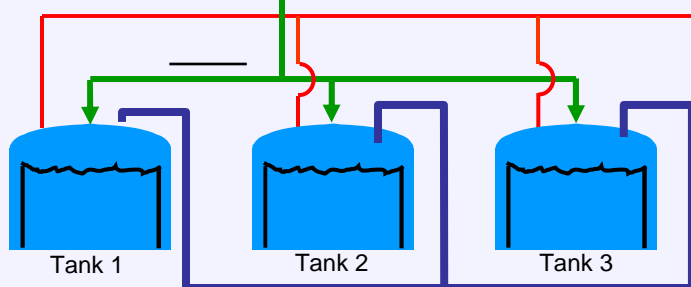
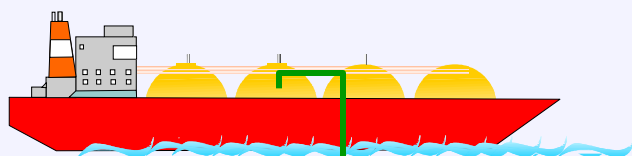
Source: Energy Information Administration; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Center for Energy Economics, BEG, UT-Austin; and Statoil.com.



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## Receiving Terminal – LNG Gas Flow

- LNG – Ship to Tanks
- Natural Gas
- LNG – Tanks to Vaporizers



As gas is required, pumps inside the tanks transfer LNG to the plant vaporizers.

Boiloff  
Compressors

As LNG boils off, the gas is withdrawn from the tanks and compressed.



Gas Pipeline

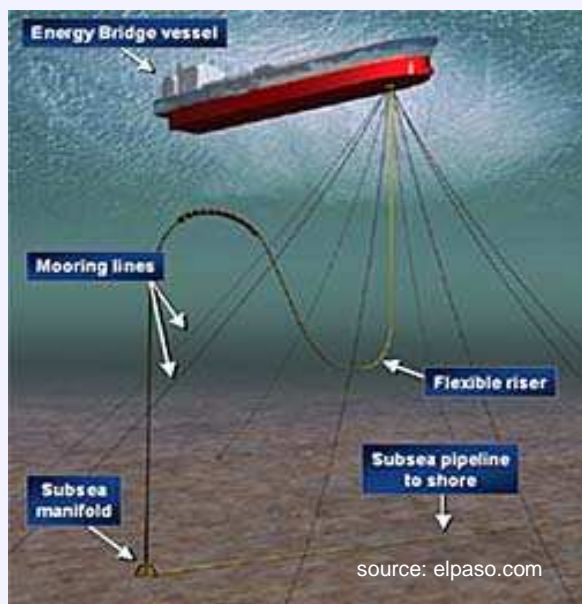
The plant vaporizers warm the LNG until it vaporizes.





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## Types of Offshore LNG Receiving Terminals



**Onboard Vessel Regasification  
System (with submerged buoy)**



**Gravity Based Structure**



**Floating Storage and  
Regasification Unit**



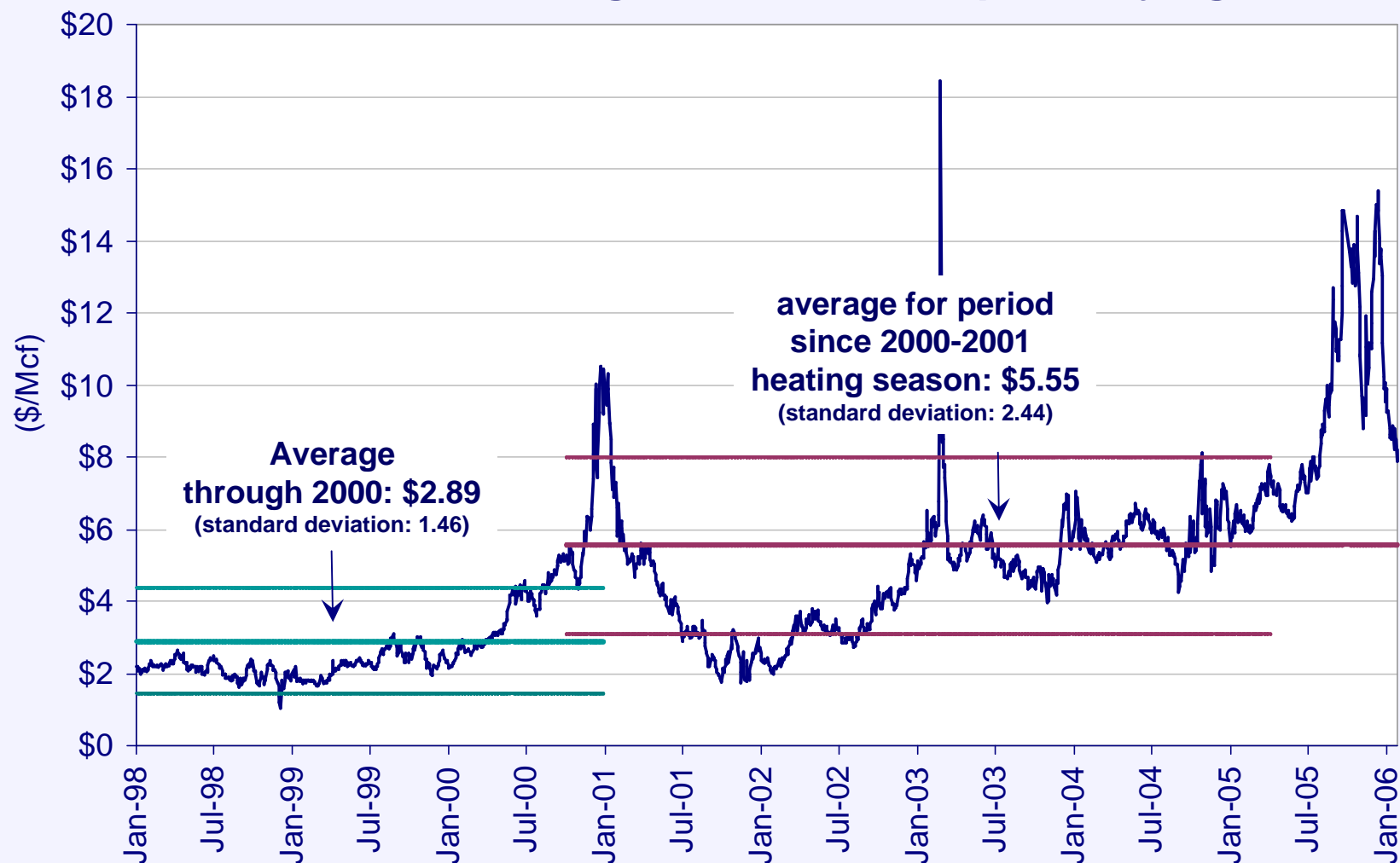
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## Why LNG?



## Daily Henry Hub Prices (1998-Present)

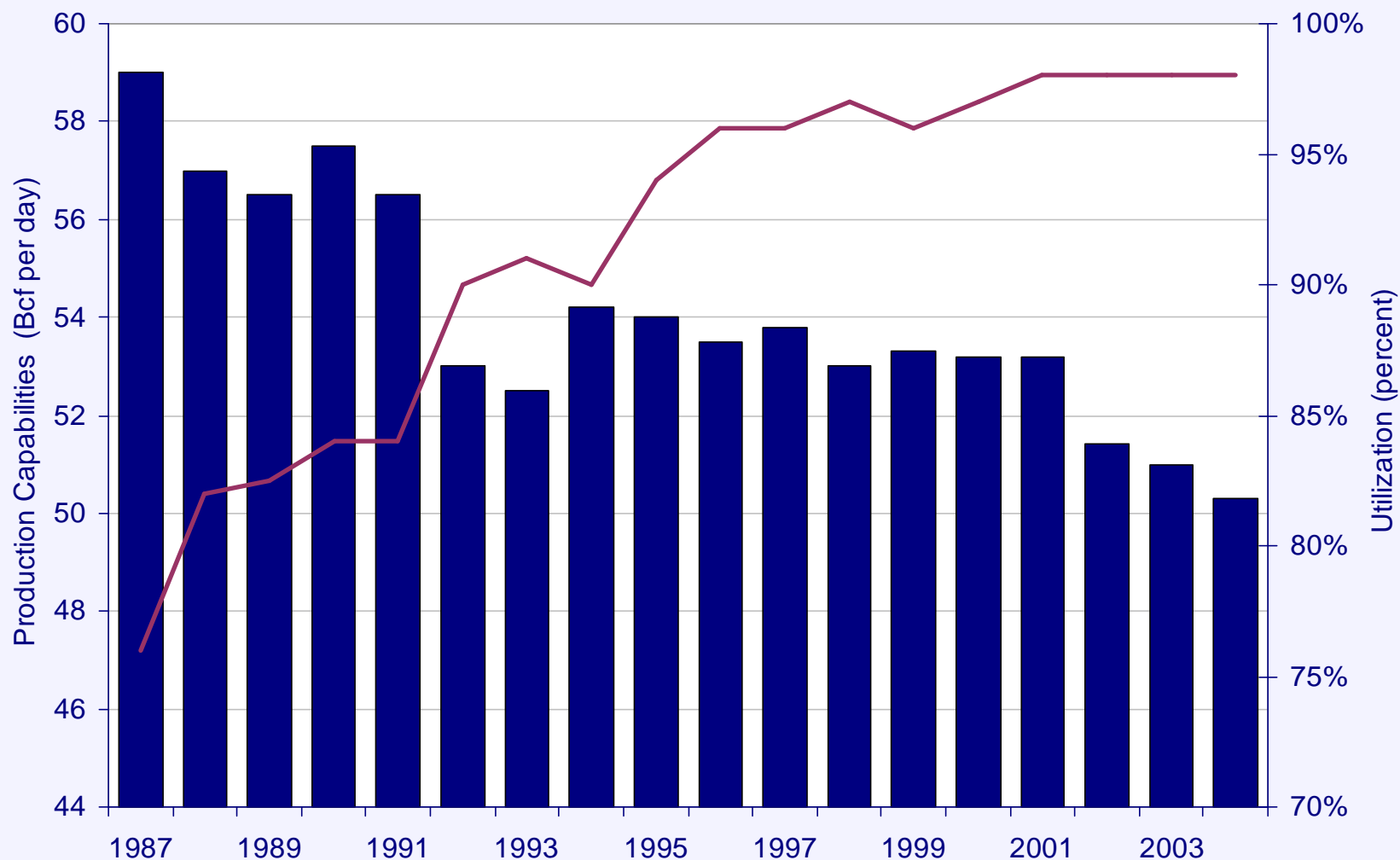
Prices have changed dramatically since winter 2000-01  
when markets for gas became exceptionally tight







## Producers are at the limits of production capabilities



Note: This is an approximation.

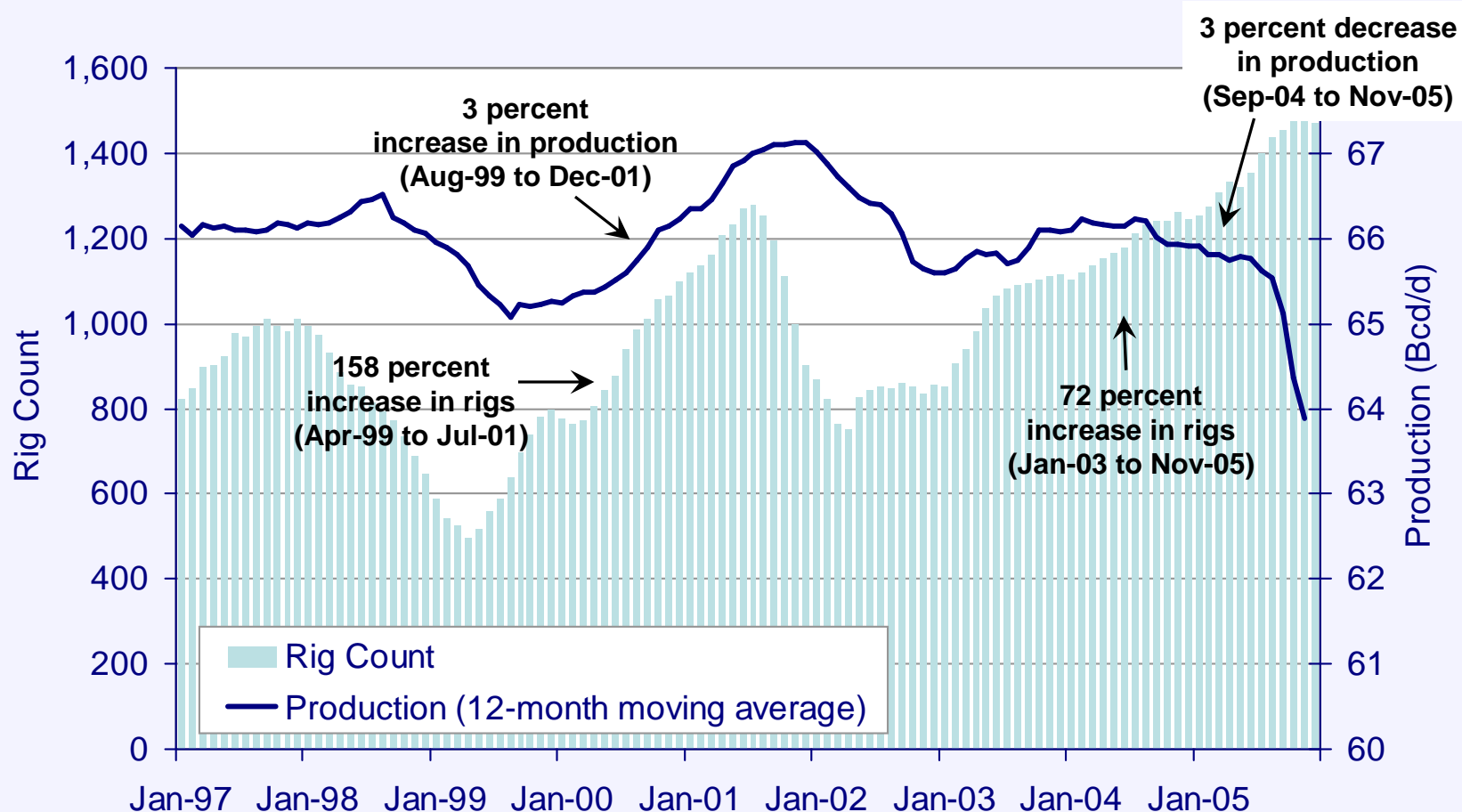
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## U.S. Natural Gas Production and Monthly Rig Count (1997-Present)

**Despite increased drilling efforts, production is falling;  
The US is seeing decreasing drilling productivity**



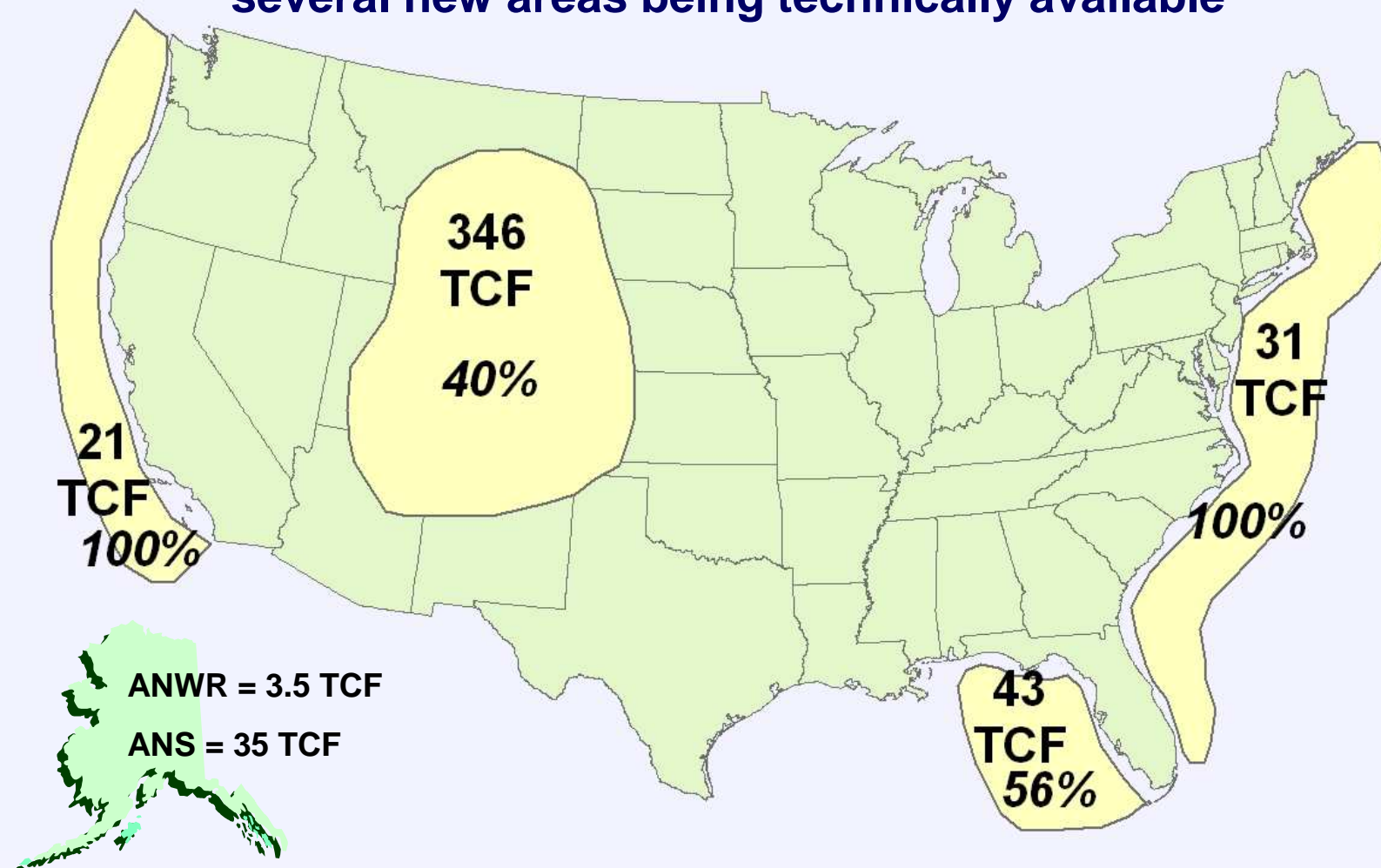
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## Resource Estimates – Restricted Areas Estimated Percentage Restricted

**Producers are drilling over the same areas despite  
several new areas being technically available**

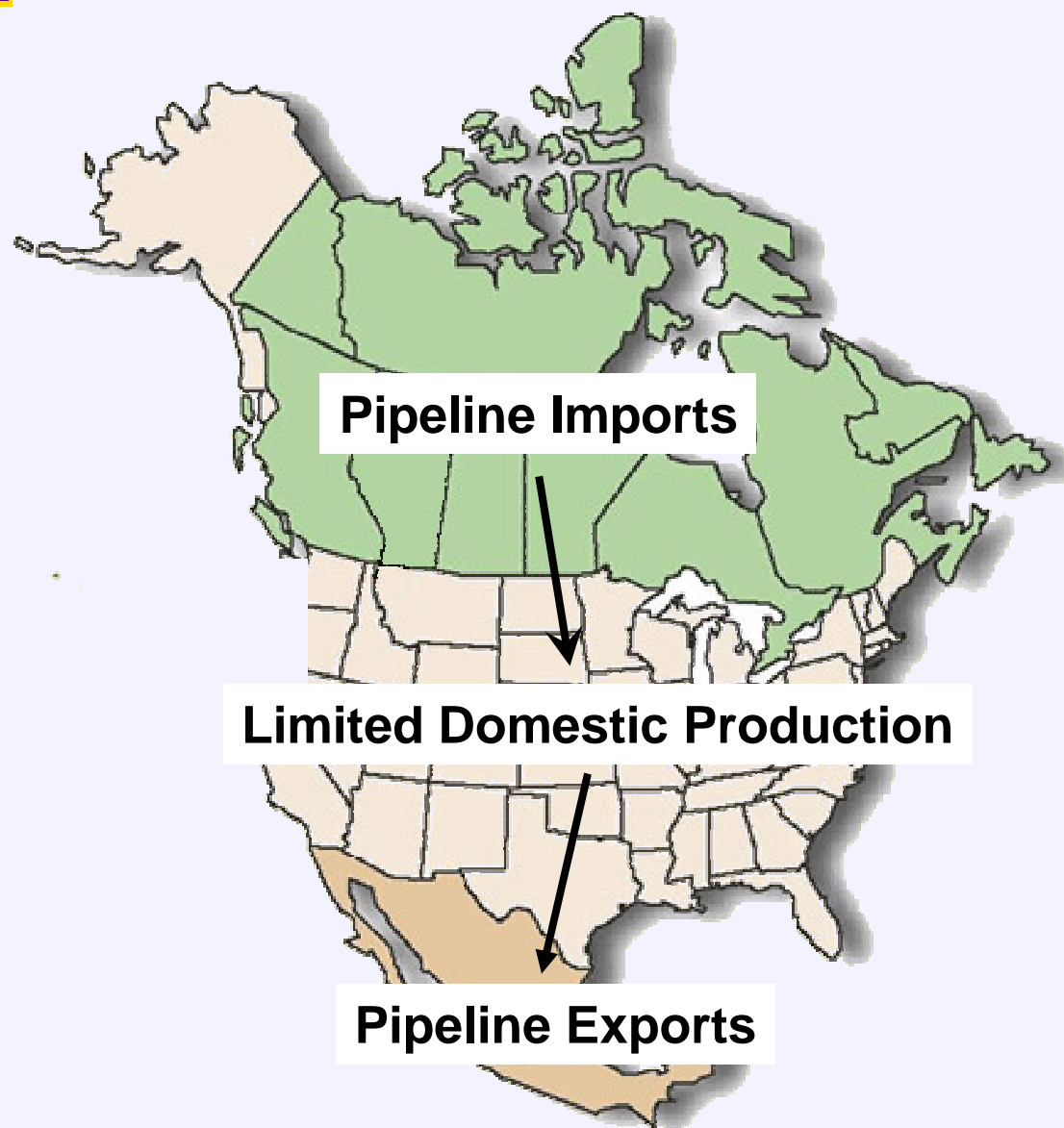


Source: Independent Petroleum Association of America



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## US Natural Gas Market Status



In addition, the U.S. has limitations on importing natural gas from other parts of North America and it can't be shipped in its natural form.

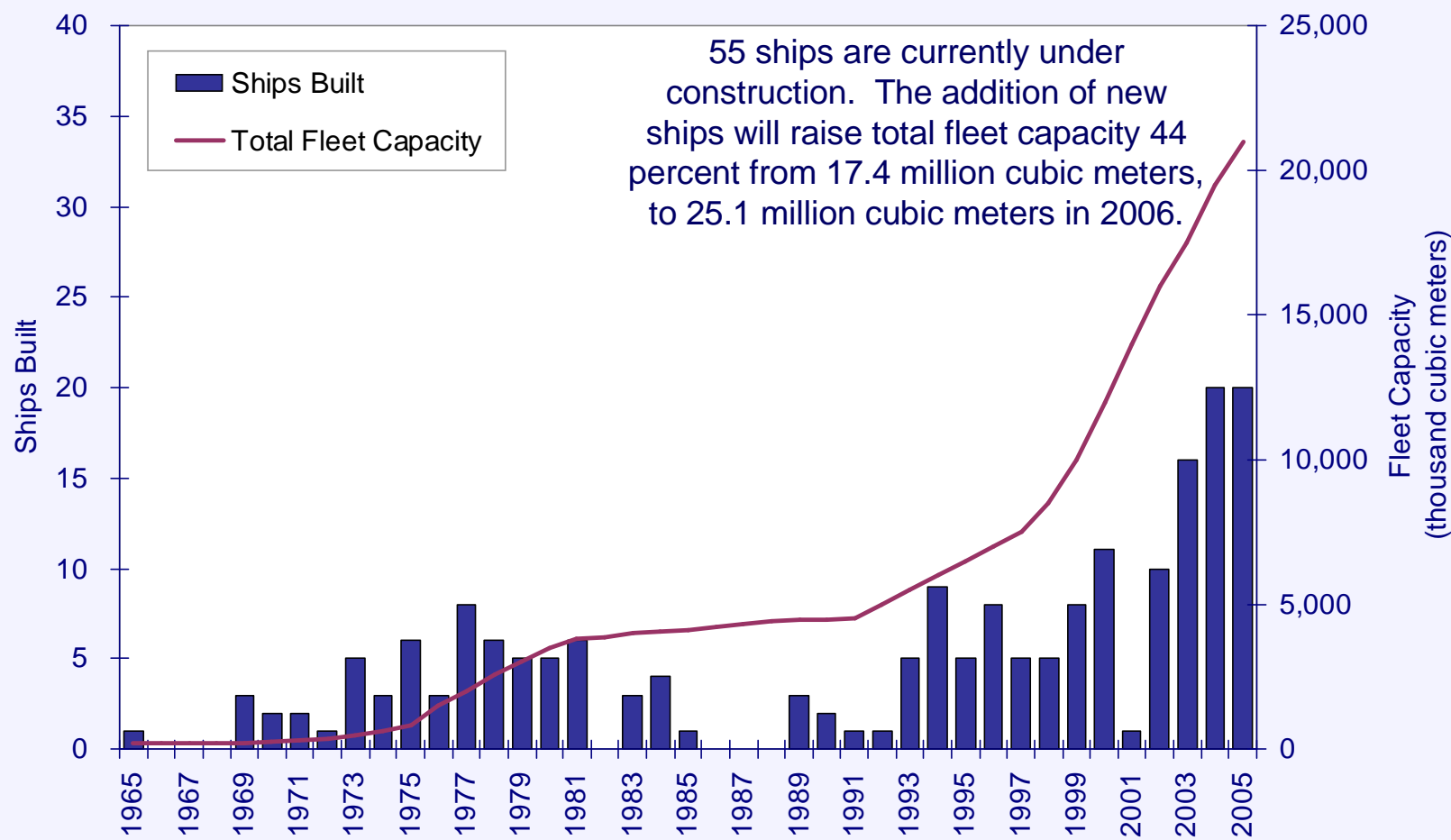


	<u>LNG Regasification Import</u>		<u>LNG Liquefaction Facilities</u>	
	<u>Terminals</u>			
	Number of Storage Tanks	Storage Capacity (thousand m <sup>3</sup> )	Number of Trains	Capacity (million tons/year)
Africa	-	-	29	43.4
Europe	33	2,836	-	-
Asia	202	18,543	31	72.2
Middle East			11	32.0
North America	13	1,005	1	1.5
South America	3	320	3	9.9



## LNG Worldwide Tanker Fleet (1965-2005)

As of 2003, 151 LNG tankers were in operation worldwide





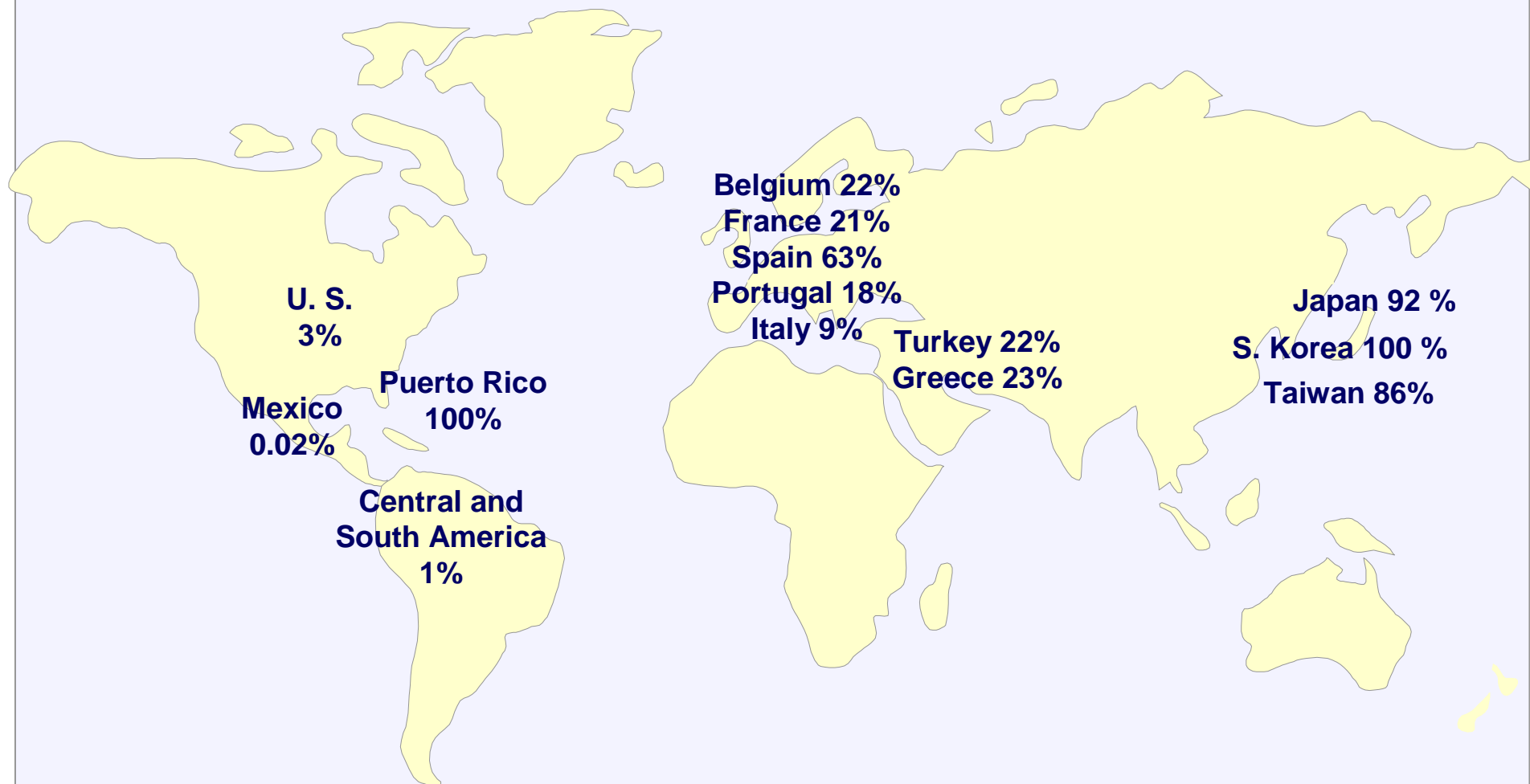
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# LNG Importers and Facilities



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## World Importers of LNG: Imports as Percent of Total Natural Gas Consumption (2003)

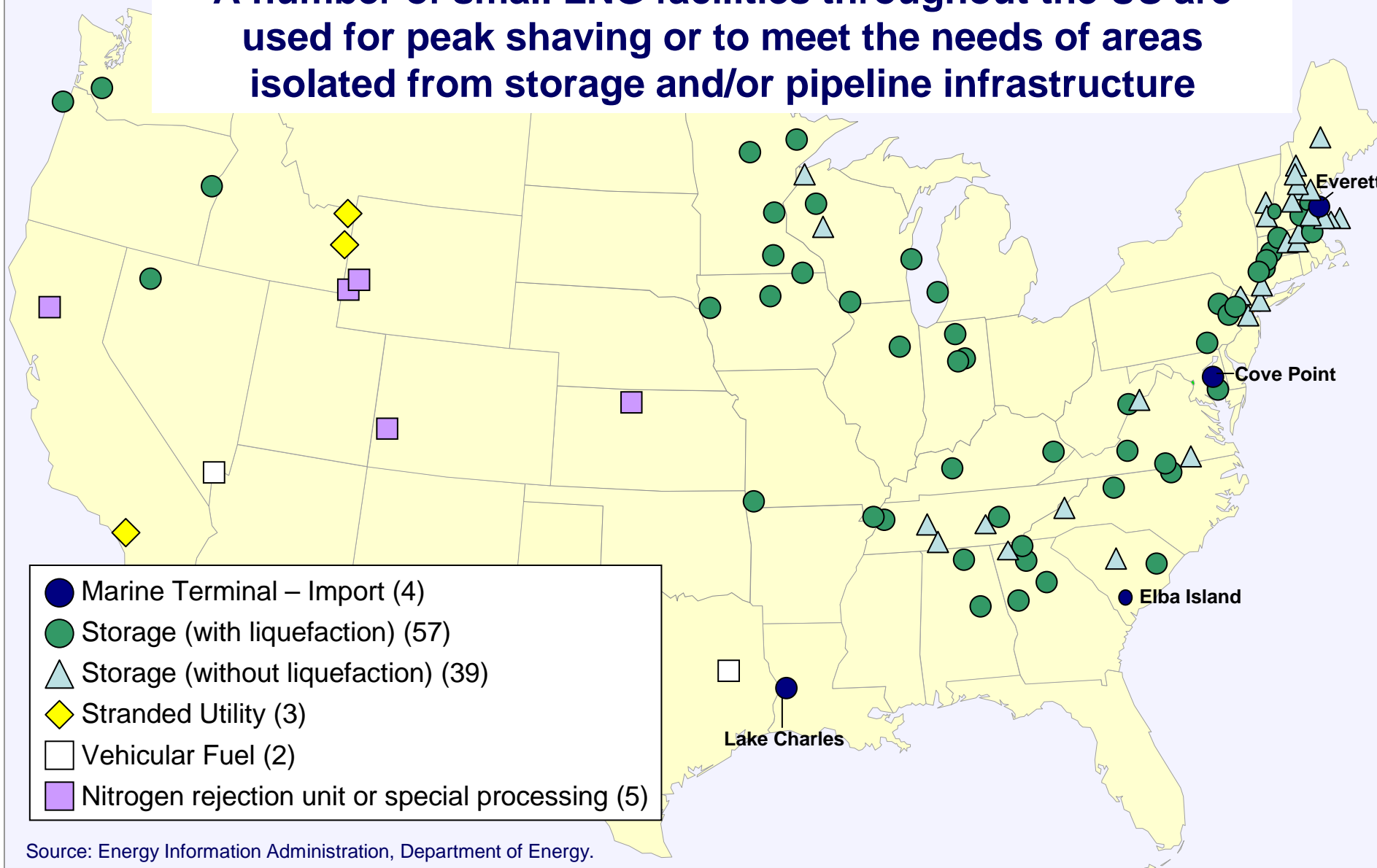


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**A number of small LNG facilities throughout the US are used for peak shaving or to meet the needs of areas isolated from storage and/or pipeline infrastructure**

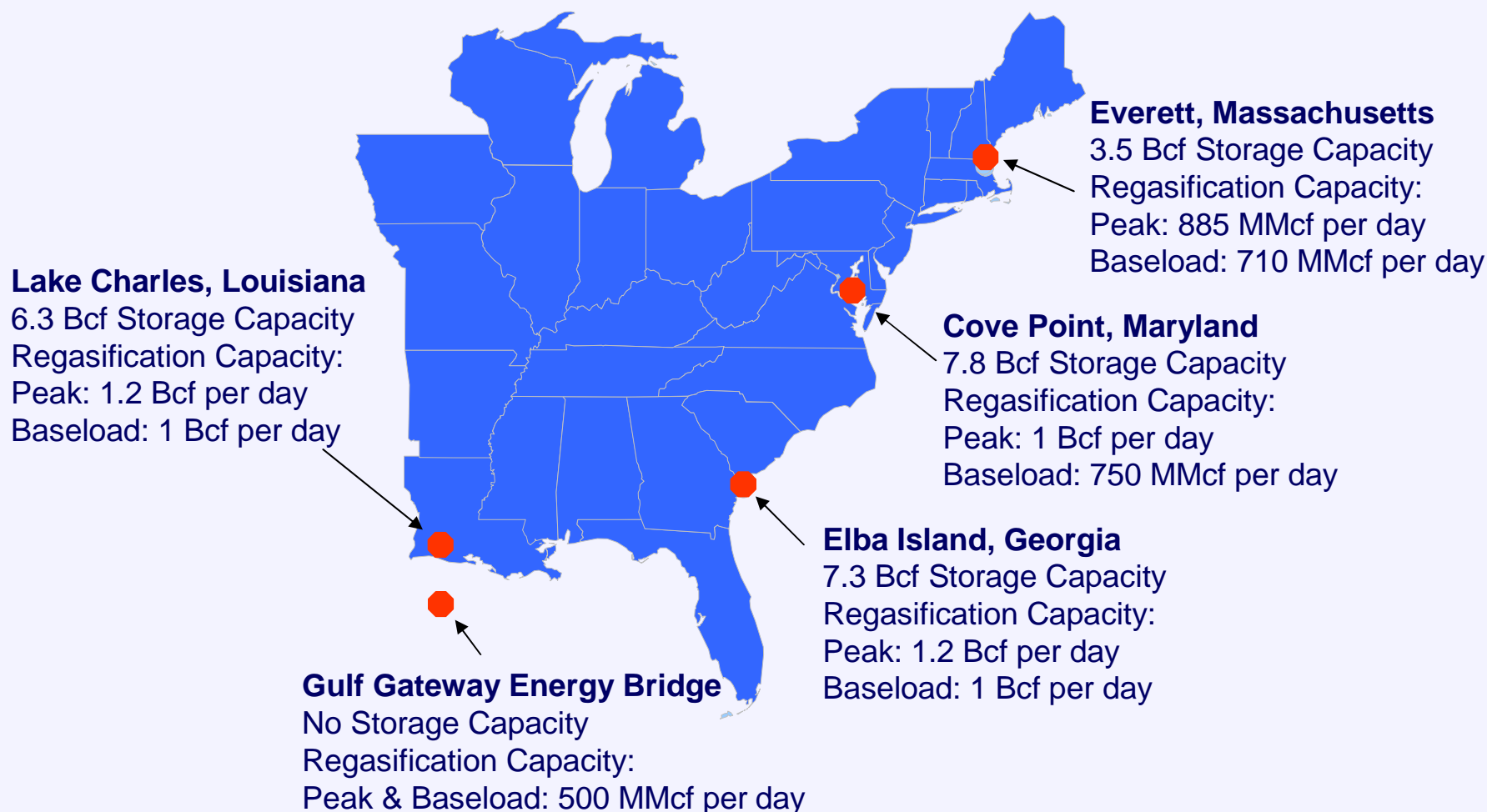


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## Current US LNG Import Terminals



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